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Augusto Duran Ospino, Secretary General of the Communist Workers' Party, has advised his Communist and Liberal Party contacts in Barranquilla to watch for the arrival of the ADMIRAL PADILLA, a Colombian Navy ship which has been on a training trip to Spain. He stated that he had been reliably informed that the crew of this vessel had been selected on the basis of sympathy with the militant group within the Conservative Party. He claimed that Spain was sending arms to the Conservative Party of Colombia on the ship. He called attention to the statement made by Laureano Gomez before the departure of the ADMIRAL PADILLA from Spain to the effect that there would soon be a civil war in Colombia. He claimed that the militant Conservative group, under the leadership of Gilberto Alzate Avendano, who is a member of the National Conservative Directorate, would use the arms.

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